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1. The channel is deepest at Swinoujscie (Swinemuende) (N 53-55, E 14-15). Proceeding from there through the Zalew (Stettiner Haff) (N 53-46, E 14-14) to the Oder the channel gets shallower. At Swinoujscie the depth of the channel is approximately 12 meters, whereas further on the controlling depth is between 5 and 6 meters.
2. The Zalew is not navigable for large ships. It is navigable only by means of a channel which has to be dredged constantly. The silting is very severe; once the channel has been dredged through to one end, the opposite end is ready for dredging again. Until recently large ships could not navigate the channel only after being partially unloaded at Swinoujscie. In the past, incoming ships averaged one to two thousand tons.
3. The TIT (Techniczna Inwestycja Toru Wodnego) (technical investigation of water channels) has been established to attack the problem of silting. Its work consists of making scientific tests and soundings. The annual expenditures of TIT is 15-20 million zlotys. At present the problem appears to be under control and there is no immediate danger of silting. However, present efforts cannot be expected to achieve anything beyond the status quo. Engineer Wendu is in charge of the TIT commission.

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